

Maine Counseling Association Annual Conference
Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Session VI:

Owls Head

How Do Colleges Really Choose Students?

Wendy Thompson, M.A

Colleges use a variety of criteria to evaluate applicants. This entertaining, informative, and interactive presentation illustrates the many and sometimes surprising factors college admissions officers consider when they review students' application materials.

Target Group = Admissions, Career Counselors, Middle School Counselors, Secondary School Counselors

Spruce Head

Peace Jobs for Youth and Truth in Recruiting

Ginny Schneider, MA

Rob Pfeiffer,

You will receive materials on paid internships and jobs for youth that can be shared with your students including a calendar published by Veterans for Peace. The program will also address full disclosure in recruiting and provide you with materials on this subject.

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Pen Bay	Managing Our Responses to Controversial Topics in Our Work	Mary Gagnon, M.A.
<p>We are faced daily with clashes of values in our work – but how do we remain neutral and stay engaged with clients and colleagues when we're cringing on the inside? Join us for an open discussion and exploration of values, assumptions, and challenges as we examine the controversial topics of our day. Upon completion of the presentation, participants will demonstrate knowledge of related ethical guidelines and how to have healthier conversations about controversial topics</p>		
Target Group = All		
Schooner	Support Groups for International Students in American Colleges and High Schools.	Zhuldyz Alimbayeva, Alexis Jones,
<p>This presentation by Husson graduate students will review research on adjustment issues of international students in college and high school settings. Proposed curriculum, group process, and evaluation will be discussed. The unique needs of international students will be presented. Participants will be encouraged to share their experiences serving the international population.</p>		
Target Group = All		
Camden	The Circle Way: Creating Meaningful Dialogue where Everyone has a Voice	Amy Tice, MA, EdS
<p>The Circle Way is a form of dialogue, inspired by Native American and other ancient traditions among indigenous people, in which humans have gathered for respectful conversations for thousands of years. Circle is an experience of sharing story, inviting diverse thinking, encouraging creative problem solving, and allowing everyone present to have a voice. Throughout our time together, which will be an experiential process, participants will be introduced to preliminary information about the methodology, leadership, and agreements of Circle. We will also discuss the application of The Circle Way to therapeutic settings and how it might be used with families, groups, staff or treatment team meetings, etc.</p>		
Target Group = All		
Session VII:		
Owls Head	Methodone	Shannon Charette
<p>To bring awareness, education, and insight into the use MAT and/ MMT as a means of prevention against opiates, and ways in those who seek MAT and/or MMT have been able to live productive lives without active addiction.</p>		
Target Group = All		
Spruce Head	Saving for College - It's a Good Thing	Mila Tappan, B.A.
<p>Saving for college is an important part of making college possible for many students and families. However, some families don't save as they worry that saving will have a significant negative impact on financial aid eligibility, which is simply a myth that is not true. Join us to learn the facts related to saving and financial aid, as well as more about grants that are available to help families start and continue saving.</p>		
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**Balancing Access & Readiness: New Statewide Standards
for the Community Colleges**

Mercedes Pour, M.Ed

In light of the recent changes in the College Board PSAT/SAT suite, the Next Gen Accuplacer, and the Accuplacer administration rules, Maine's Community Colleges felt it was time to reexamine how we assess college readiness. We have taken the past year to examine entrance data and student success rates in order to arrive at a new statewide, multiple measures assessment strategy. In this session academic deans and college access personnel from across our colleges will explain all aspects of our strategy in terms of what it means for access, testing, prep, and placement. We hope counselors will also share their feedback and suggestions as we work to balance access, rigor, and relevance in our programs across the state.

Target Group = Admissions, Secondary School Counselors

Schooner

The Bhagavadgita: The First Recorded Counseling Session

John Yasenchak, Ed.D

Bhagavadgita is a soul-searching account of a dialogue between a hero in crisis and his Special Counselor. We will explore themes from this ancient sacred text that can be related to the search for personal meaning, cognitive-behavioral self-study, and recovery. This discussion is well-suited for counselors interested in multiculturalism, spirituality, and personal growth.

Target Group = All

Camden

20+ Years in Education...Now What?

Jim Peacock, M.Ed

Many people are thinking about leaving their current career after 20+ years, but are not sure what to do next. Most people will have an entire 'second adult lifetime' to do something as we live longer, healthier lives. This could be another job (part-time or full-time), volunteer, travel (most people can't afford to do much), clean the garage. Learn about what you can do to discover your next move.

Target Group = All